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Majority prices were lower in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was weak in the West, steady in the Midwest, about steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with hopes of improvement towards the end of the week. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with present commitments capable of satisfying needs. Breast items were in the longest position, dark meat was available, and wings were close to short with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/27/03-10/31/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Bos/New Eng	58.00-63.00	59.64	21	63.13
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.78	38	58.97
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.33
Denver	72.50	72.43	17	71.74
Detroit	55.00	56.50	12	60.56
Los Angeles	73.00	70.62	71	70.26
New York	58.00-61.00	58.86	21	61.01
Philadelphia	58.50-61.00	59.46	12	58.04
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	59.88	12	61.98
St. Louis	55.50-55.75	55.56	24	56.53
San Francisco	73.50	71.92	33	76.49
	Composite Weighted Average			
Loads	10/27/03Change/Last Wk10/20/0310/28/02			
633	64.04	0.22	63.82	52.93

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-62.00	61.07	27
Central	56.00-63.50	61.15	53
West	54.00-67.00	63.61	45
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
Mississippi	63.00-68.50	66.85	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,109	53.00-70.75	66.86

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.50	1,476
BREASTS - B/S	179.50	5,340
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	988
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	9,256
WINGS	91.50	3,045

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Wings were clearing well. Dark meat cuts were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady following the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate at best with light trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to easily handle current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were better balanced, but readily available, with mixed interest. Dark meat was in good supply and clearing, and wings were close to well cleared and moving seasonally well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Mondays' levels. Trading reported for this week deliveries at generally lower prices. Offerings were adequate with weights over 3.5 pounds in the longest position. Demand in Southern California at major chains improved somewhat as consumers began to cross picket lines; overall retailer demand was fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone- in 79-91 and boneless 145-155, wings 88-94, boneless leg meat 75.5-79, drumstick 38-50. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 55.97 down .31 with the volume reported unchanged from the previous week at 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority delivered prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light to moderate for the light buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was mostly light, instances moderate with some improvement anticipated by week's end. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights mostly desirable. Limited trade on parts as current commitments satisfy needs. Supplies of wings remain close to short, breast items plentiful and dark meat cuts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole was light to no better than fair. Seller offerings were adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily; breast items were fully sufficient. Other items were generally adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	59-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.82
NO. OF BOXES	9,275

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCTOBER 27 ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED	WTD TRADING AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	153.37	655,108
TENDERLOINS	145-150	138.80	108,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	84.08	172,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	79.94	106,320
LEGS	38-39	38.42	273,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.86	284,542
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	39.03	126,960
THIGHS	29-30	37.90	74,020
B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.28	75,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	88.34	106,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	40,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.74	12,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	61.56	27,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,857	133.00-168.00	140-145	144.89
TENDERLOINS	351	134.00-184.00	139-140	147.16
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	845	24.50-28.00	26	25.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,377	26.00-29.00	28	28.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	566	67.00-90.00	84	82.73
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,083	29.00-32.00	29	29.45

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/27	10/23	10/23	10/20	10/16
ALA	4,095	4,088	5.27	3,837	5.20
ARK	5,380	5,178	4.98	5,368	5.16
DELMARVA	2,301	2,249	5.38	2,317	5.44
KY-LA-TN	1,988	1,980	4.89	1,991	4.90
MISS	2,854	2,699	5.43	2,688	5.45
NC	2,375	2,382	6.27	2,365	6.15
TEXAS	2,465	2,255	5.49	2,498	5.94
TOTAL	21,458	20,831	5.33	21,064	5.41
MON	21,458(A)			21,064(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Oct 2003 is estimated to be 32,104,000 up 1.57 percent from a week ago and up 4.22 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,609,000; last year 30,805,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	990	138.00-225.00	141-145	143.51
TENDERLOINS	225	140.00-212.00	142-148	150.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	79.00-92.00	80-84	83.76
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	121	32.00-52.00	33-35	34.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	26.00-30.00	26-27	27.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-96.00	-	94.07
WINGS (CUT)	408	94.00-109.00	-	98.50
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 27, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	48.00-52.50	50.10	50.01

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 27-OCT-2003 TO 31-OCT-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	143.00 - 165.00	150.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 101.00	80.00 - 86.00
LEGS	38.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 31.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	79.00 - 96.00	80.00 - 84.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

24-OCT-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-24.75	18.00	1,429,000	1,306,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.45	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	22.00-30.00	11.00-15.00	2,316,000	1,116,000
WTD AVERAGE	28.56	12.08		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.39
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

24-OCT-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.50	18.00	141,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-21.50	11.00-15.00	1,831,600	1,282,400
WTD AVERAGE	18.96	13.97		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.25	8-9	8.71

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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